(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have already paid a major portion of their share of expenditure on the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project. The World Bank is to provide an assistance of US $ 450 millions to the project. No disbursement has yet taken place.

(c) No such proposal has so far been received at the Centre from the Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.

All India Entrance Examination for M. B. B. S.

160. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to conduct an All India entrance examination for M.B.B.S. course;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this examination is likely to apply to such institutions also, which collect capitation fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court in its judgments of 22nd June, 1984 and May, 1985 has directed the Medical Council of India to conduct the All India Entrance Examinations for admission to under-graduate and Post-graduate Medical/Dental courses. According to the directions of the Supreme Court, 30 per cent of the open M.B.B.S./B.D.S. seats after taking into account the reservations validly made are to be filled on the basis of the All India Entrance Examinations.

The directions of the Supreme Court would apply to all such institutions which fall within the definition of State under Article 12 of the Constitution.

Rapid Transit System in Madras

161. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned so far for the Rapid Transit System in Madras City; and

(b) whether any letter was received from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu urging increase of funds for the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Rs. 7.05 crores (including Rs. 3.50 crores for 1985-86).

(b) Yes, Sir.

Telugu Ganga Project

162. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the Telugu Ganga Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Telugu Ganga Project has not yet been accepted for inclusion in the Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

163. [*Transferred to the 18 August, 1985.*]

Admissions in Delhi University

164. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of students seeking admission this year to the first-year of the degree courses in various faculties in the colleges and institutions of Delhi University;

(b) the number, out of them, of those students who are likely to get admission; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide more accommodation for students seeking higher education in the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) For the purpose of admission, students have to apply to individual colleges of their choice. As a large number of students apply simultaneously to several Colleges, the precise number of admission-seekers is not available. However, the total number of students who have qualified in the higher secondary examination from Delhi with 40 per cent or more marks and have thus become eligible for admission to various Courses in Colleges in Delhi is 41,226.

(b) The admission capacity of various Colleges in full-time courses is 24,878. In addition, 11,500 students can enrol in the Correspondence Courses and 3020 can register with the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board. All these facilities together will enable 39,398 students to pursue various courses of higher education in Delhi.

(c) As the shortfall in the facilities available is only marginal, the Government have at present no proposal to increase the facilities for higher education in Delhi.

Functioning of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking

165. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of power break-downs in Delhi/New Delhi as compared to that in the other three big cities—Bombay, Calcutta and Madras; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and to ensure uninterrupted scpply of powers in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Besides carrying out routine maintenance, expansion of the distribution system is done every year to meet the growing demand of Delhi, as also, ensuring continuous and uninterrupted supply of power to the consumers, as far as possible.

166. [*Transferred to the 2nd August, 1985*]

Capitation Fees in Engineering and Medical Colleges

167. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (Amendment) Act, 1984 has come into operation;

(b) what steps the University Grants Commission has taken to prevent charging of capitation fees for admission to medical and engineering colleges in some States;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after coming into operation of the Act. Medical and Engineering colleges in Karnataka are charging huge sums as capitation fee; and

(d) if so, what action the Government of India are taking to implement the provisions of University Grants Commission (Amendment) Act, 1984 in Karnataka and other such States?